

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13 and 22 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:  
a positive electrode comprising a positive-electrode active material;  
a negative electrode comprising a particulate negative-electrode active material, the positive-electrode active material and the negative-electrode active material capable of intercalating/deintercalating lithium; and  
a nonaqueous electrolyte solution;  
wherein the negative electrode further comprises carbon fibers and carbon flakes disposed in the interstices between the particulate negative electrode active material, wherein the ratio by weight of the carbon fibers to the carbon flakes in the negative electrode is in a range of 0.2 to 100.

13. (twice amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising an electrode composite and a nonaqueous electrolyte solution, the electrode composite comprising a positive electrode comprising a positive-electrode active material and a negative electrode comprising a particulate negative-electrode active material, the positive electrode and the negative electrode being wound by several turns together with a separator disposed therebetween,

wherein the negative electrode further comprises carbon fibers and carbon flakes disposed in the interstices between the particulate negative electrode active material, wherein the ratio by weight of the carbon fibers to the carbon flakes in the negative electrode is in a range of 0.2 to 100.

22. (twice amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 19, wherein the positive electrode and the negative electrode further comprises a binder selected from the group consisting of a polyvinylidene fluoride, a polytetrafluoroethylene, an ethylene-propylene-diene copolymer, and a styrene-butadiene rubber.